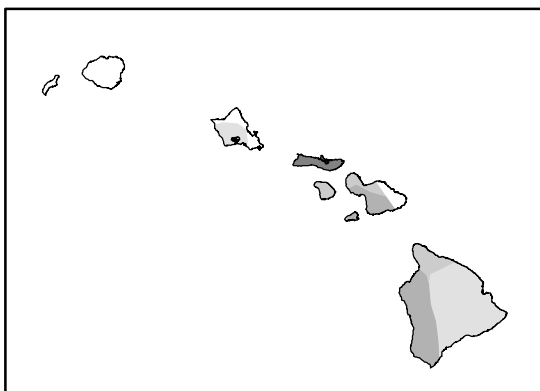
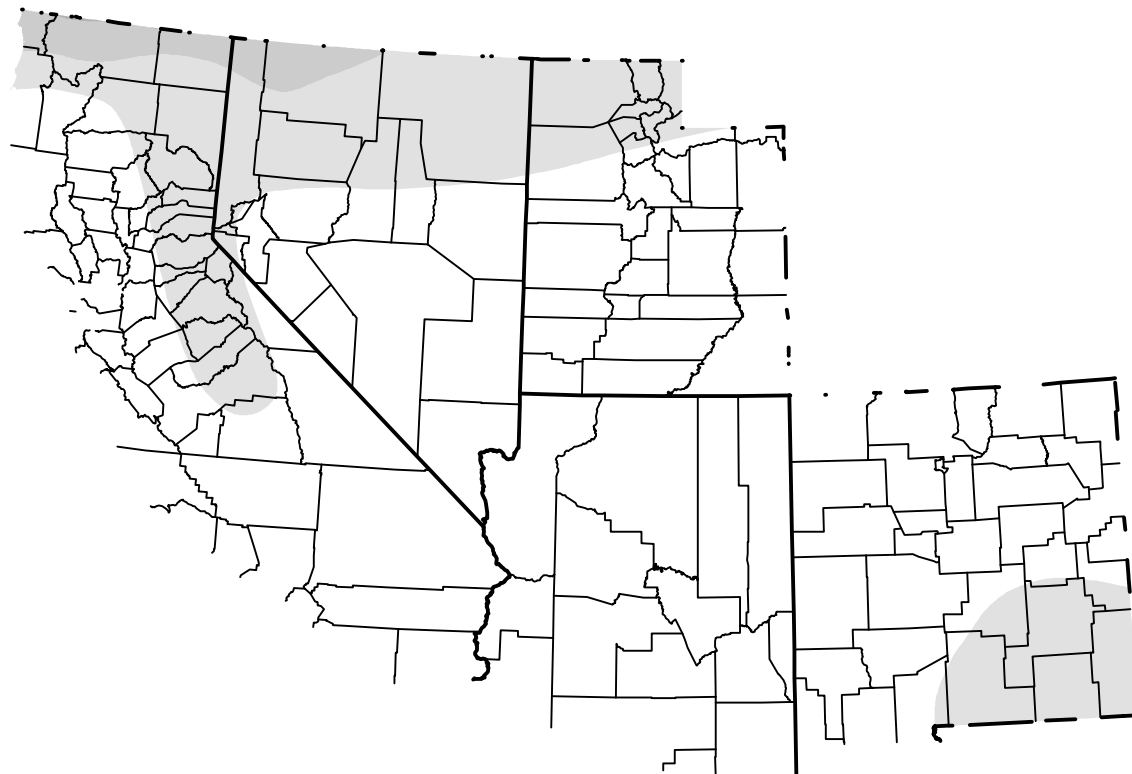


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**March 20, 2001**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 77.53 | 19.90 | 2.22  | 0.30 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-15-2001</i>              | 79.87 | 17.93 | 1.83  | 0.34 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-21-2000</i>           | 90.71 | 7.84  | 1.46  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2001</i> | 83.72 | 14.98 | 1.30  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2000</i>    | 38.83 | 35.34 | 18.71 | 7.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-23-2000</i>           | 71.40 | 16.08 | 9.63  | 2.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  None                  |  D2 Severe Drought        |
|  D0 Abnormally Dry    |  D3 Extreme Drought      |
|  D1 Moderate Drought |  D4 Exceptional Drought |

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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